

CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising the steps of:
displaying a movie print on a display screen with multiple soundtracks;
generating separate audio signals from at least two soundtracks;
providing a plurality of screening rooms, each with a view of the display screen; and,
~~transmitting a generated audio signal to two or more of the screening rooms, wherein a different ones of the generated audio signal is transmitted to at least two of the screening rooms;~~ and,
reviewing, in each of the at least two of the screening rooms, a respective one of the different ones of the generated audio signals to determine a presence of any quality issues in the at least two soundtracks from which the audio signals are respectively generated.

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2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the screening rooms receives only one audio signal from the separate audio signals.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the screening rooms receives multiple audio signals.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of playing back the multiple audio signals simultaneously.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each screening room is effectively acoustically isolated from the other screening rooms.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of controlling the playback of the movie print from one of the screening rooms.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of controlling the playback of the audio signals from one or more screening rooms.

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8. (Currently Amended) A method for reviewing a multi-soundtrack movie print comprising the steps of:

displaying the multi-soundtrack movie print;

providing a plurality of screening rooms, each with a view of the displayed movie print; ~~and,~~

transmitting signals from a plurality of soundtracks of the multi-soundtrack movie print to the plurality of screening rooms, wherein each screening room in the plurality of screening rooms receives a signal from at least one soundtrack from the multi-soundtrack movie print and wherein at least two of the screening rooms each receives a different soundtrack from each of other; and,

playing back, for review in each of the at least two screening rooms, the signal from the at least one soundtrack from the multi-soundtrack movie print.

9. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a display for displaying a movie print having a plurality of soundtracks;

a plurality of screening rooms, each screening room with a view of the display; ~~and,~~

a soundtrack playback system that transmits signals from the plurality of soundtracks to the screening rooms during a playback of the movie print, wherein at least two of the

screening rooms of the plurality of screening rooms receives a different soundtrack from each other; and,

a soundtrack review system comprising controls for reviewing a presence of any quality issues of at least one of the plurality of soundtracks.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein each screening room is effectively acoustically isolated.

11. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein each screening room is configured to allow receipt of a set of soundtracks from the plurality of soundtracks.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein each screening room is configured to allow playback of one or more soundtracks of the set of soundtracks and/or masters.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the playback is simultaneous.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein each screening room is configured to allow control of the playback of the movie print.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein each screening room is configured to allow control of the soundtrack playback system.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for converting an existing film screening facility to screen a multi-soundtrack film print, the film screening facility including a screening room, a display screen and a projector system, comprising the steps of:

adding a plurality of screening rooms to the screening room, each with a view of the display screen; ~~and,~~

adding a multi-soundtrack playback system capable of retrieving a plurality of signals from a plurality of soundtracks of the multi-soundtrack movie print; ~~and,~~

acoustically isolating each screening room; and,
providing controls for reviewing a quality of the
plurality of soundtracks of the multi-soundtrack movie print.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the multi-soundtrack playback system is capable of transmitting the plurality of signals to the screening rooms.

18. (Cancelled)

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19. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a display;

a plurality of screening rooms, wherein each screening room includes a view of the display;

a movie playback system; and,

a sound distribution system coupled to receive audio signals from the movie playback system and to distribute the audio signals to the plurality of screening rooms, wherein each screening room is effectively acoustically isolated; and,

a soundtrack quality review system comprising controls to control the playback of the audio signals to determine the quality of the audio signals from the movie playback system.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) A method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of screening rooms, each with a view of a display displaying a movie print with a soundtrack;

transmitting a plurality of audio signals corresponding to the soundtrack to one or more of the screening rooms; and,

reviewing the movie print by playing back a first audio signal and a second audio signal from the plurality of audio

signals in a first screening room and a second screening room, respectively.

22. (Currently Amended) A soundtrack distribution system comprising:

a plurality of soundtrack processors, each providing an audio signal;

an audio distribution router coupled to receive the audio signals generated by the plurality of soundtrack processors; and,

a plurality of audio switching devices coupled to the audio distribution router, the plurality of audio switching devices being switched to control the playback of the audio signals from a respective soundtrack processor in the plurality of soundtrack processors to review the quality of the audio signal.

23. (Original) The soundtrack distribution system of claim 22, where the audio distribution router comprises:

a plurality of inputs coupled to the plurality of soundtrack processors; and,

a plurality of outputs coupled to the plurality of audio switching device;

wherein the audio distribution router is configured to selectively route the plurality of inputs to the plurality of outputs.

24. (Original) The soundtrack distribution system of 23, where each input in the audio distribution router is coupled to a corresponding audio switching device.

25. (Original) The soundtrack distribution system of 23, where each output in the audio distribution router is coupled to a corresponding soundtrack processor.

26. (Original) The soundtrack distribution system of 23, where the audio distribution router is configured to route a selected number of the plurality of inputs to the plurality of outputs.

27. (Original) The soundtrack distribution system of 23, where the audio distribution router is configured to route the plurality of inputs to a selected number of the plurality of outputs.

28. (Original) The soundtrack distribution system of 22, where each audio switching device is configured to allow the selection of one or more audio signals for playback.

29. (Original) The soundtrack distribution system of 22, where the audio signal comprises multiple channels of audio signals.

30. (Original) The soundtrack distribution system of 29, where playback of the selected audio signals is simultaneous.